



Each half term we will begin with a loose theme, which will allow us to set up invitations to play and intriguing provocations designed to encourage children to imagine, create and communicate. As we observe and play with the children we will tailor further learning opportunities to their interests, building on experiences to develop our Learning Journey together.

Our overarching theme this term is Traditional Stories and Nursery Rhymes. We will begin by reading some favourite stories; please do support this at home by talking about special stories or rhymes from your childhood as well as your children's favourites.

**ROLE PLAY** We will begin with a castle which the children will design themselves, then see where our imaginations take us!

**SENSORY/SAND/WATER** We will have lots of interesting textures to explore and will be encouraging children to think about cause and effect.

**CREATIVE** We will have lots of opportunities to cut, stick, join, paint, draw and make. Children will be encouraged to choose, locate and put away their own resources. We will draw inspiration from characters, stories and children's interests.

**MATHS** We will have lots of opportunities to count, recognise and talk about numbers and we will be investigating length, time and money. FS2 will continue to work on their understanding of more and less as addition and subtraction.

**UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD** We will continue to talk about special times, different cultures and occupations. We will also investigate cause and effect in the kitchen and at the workbench.

**LITERACY** A new selection of books will be available in all areas of our setting, linking to activities. Children will be encouraged to listen sensibly, join in and talk about the stories we read together. Our key texts will allow us to discover how stories are constructed and build our knowledge of character and setting: Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Gruffalo, The Three Little Pigs. We will also practice reciting some traditional Nursery Rhymes and songs including: Humpty Dumpty, 5 little monkeys, 3 little men in a flying saucer, Old MacDonald. As always we will provide children with a variety of mark making resources, encouraging them to make marks in and around all of their play activities and to give meaning to their efforts. FS2 will continue to practice writing their name and individual letters and will compose labels, captions and simple sentences using sounds that they hear.

# TURRETS AND TALES

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